

House Bill 103

By: Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Meadows of the 5th, Smith of the 134th, Golick of the 40th, Brockway of the 102nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to group life insurance, so as to allow the issuance of a group life insurance policy to certain groups as approved by the Commissioner; to remove a participation requirement before the extension of group life policy coverage to dependents of employees or members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to group life insurance, is amended in Code Section 33-27-1, relating to group requirements generally, by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

“(11) **Discretionary groups.** Group life insurance offered to a resident of this state under a group life insurance policy issued to a group other than one described in paragraphs (1) through (10) of this Code section shall be subject to the following requirements:

(A) No such group life insurance policy shall be delivered in this state unless the Commissioner finds that:

(i) The issuance of such group policy is not contrary to the best interest of the public;

(ii) The issuance of the group policy would result in economies of acquisition or administration; and

(iii) The benefits are reasonable in relation to the premiums charged;

(B) No such group life insurance coverage may be offered in this state by an insurer under a policy issued in another state unless this state or such other state having requirements substantially similar to those contained in divisions (i) through (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph has made a determination that the requirements have been met;

26 (C) The premium for the policy shall be paid either from the policyholder's funds or
27 from funds contributed by the covered persons, or from both; and
28 (D) An insurer may exclude or limit the coverage on any person as to whom evidence
29 of individual insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section
32 33-27-2, relating to the extension of group life policy coverage to dependents of employees
33 or members, as follows:

34 "(1) The premium for the insurance shall be paid by the policyholder either from the
35 employer's or union's funds or funds contributed by the insured employees or members,
36 or from both. ~~If any part of the premium is to be derived from funds contributed by the~~
37 ~~insured employees or members, the insurance with respect to spouses and children may~~
38 ~~be placed in force only if at least 75 percent of the then eligible employees or members,~~
39 ~~excluding any as to whose family members evidence of insurability is not satisfactory to~~
40 ~~the insurer, elect to make the required contribution. If no part of the premium is to be~~
41 ~~derived from funds contributed by the employees or members, all eligible employees or~~
42 ~~members, excluding any as to whose family members' evidence of insurability~~
43 ~~is not satisfactory to the insurer, must be insured with respect to their spouses and~~
44 ~~children;"~~

45 **SECTION 3.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.